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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
DOWNSTREAM PRESSURE CONTROL AND
SUB-ATMOSPHERIC REACTIVE GAS
ABATEMENT

Examiner: K. T. Chen

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Commissioner:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 - 11 and 16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

A **Request For Continued Examination** and the appropriate fee are attached to this paper.

A **Three-Month Petition For Extension Of Time** and the appropriate fee are attached to this paper.